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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA.

ARTICLE 1. This Institution shall be called the *Baptist State Convention of North Carolina*.

ART. 2. The primary objects of this Convention shall be the education of young men called of God to the ministry, and approved by the churches to which they respectively belong; the employment of missionaries within the limits of the State; and a co-operation with the Southern Baptist Convention in the promotion of missions in general.

ART. 3. The funds devoted to these objects shall be kept distinct from each other, and punctually appropriated agreeably to the specific intention of contributors.

ART. 4. This Convention shall be composed of such individuals and delegates from such institutions as shall make adequate contributions to its funds.

ART. 5. Every Association or individual, shall be entitled to send to the Convention one delegate, who shall be a member of the Baptist church, for every ten dollars paid into the Treasury.

ART. 6. Any regular member of the Baptist church, by contributing at one time the amount of thirty dollars to the funds of the Convention, may become a life member, provided he or she continues a member in good standing in the Baptist church to which he or she belongs. Also, by the payment of one hundred dollars at one time, may become a life member of the Board of Managers, upon the same conditions.

ART. 7. The officers of this Convention, to be elected annually, shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Corresponding and Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Auditor, who, with twenty others, shall constitute a Board of Managers, five of whom shall form a quorum.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Convention and Board; that of the Vice Presidents, to preside in case of his absence, according to seniority. The Secretaries shall be required to discharge the duties appropriate to their respective offices. The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Convention, to be subject to the order of the Board; shall give security for the faithful discharge of his duty, and shall make an annual report of all receipts and expenditures, which shall be audited and published with the minutes. The duty of the Auditor will be to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

ART. 9. The Board of Managers shall meet quarterly or oftener, at such time and place as they shall, from time to time, designate; when they shall adopt such measures as shall best tend to carry into effect the objects of the Convention, subject to the provisions of the Constitution.

ART. 10. There shall be an adequate number of Agents, subject to the direction of the Convention or its Board, whose duty it shall be to visit Associations, churches, &c., and endeavor to secure their co-operation with this Institution, conformably to the provisions of the Constitution.

ART. 11. The Convention shall hold its meetings annually, at such time and place as it shall direct.

ART. 12. The Convention shall require of its Board a full report of all their proceedings at each annual meeting.

ART. 13. Any alteration may be made in this Constitution at any annual meeting, with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every meeting for business shall be opened and closed by prayer, either by the presiding officer, or some one whom he shall appoint.

2. Every speaker shall rise and address the President on any subject to be discussed:

3. No motion shall be debated unless seconded; and no member shall speak more than twice on the same motion, without special leave of the Convention.

4. The President shall be chosen by ballot. The other officers in any way the Convention may direct, but not necessarily from among the members.

5. Every question shall be decided by the living voice, unless otherwise directed.

6. During the hours of business, all private conversation, walking across, or out of the house, without permission of the President first obtained, shall be deemed a breach of order.

7. The names of members shall be called each day, previous to proceeding to business.

8. All resolutions shall be reduced to writing, signed by the mover, and handed to the Chair or Secretary, before debated.

9. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to postpone indefinitely, to commit, to lay on the table, or to amend; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged. But no motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment.

10. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for reconsideration thereof on the same day.

11. When the reading of a paper is called for, and is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a vote of the Convention.

12. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he have leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

13. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

14. Should the presiding officer fail to enforce the foregoing regulations, he shall be regarded as untrue to his trust, and shall be liable to be reminded of his duty by any member present.

PROCEEDINGS.

LOUISBURG, N. C., October 17th, 1850.

The members of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, assembled in the Baptist Church at this place, agreeable to the adjournment of the last session, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Elder James McDaniel of Wilmington, the President of the last Convention, took the Chair, and called the Convention to order, and the proceedings were opened, after the reading select portions of the sacred scriptures, singing an appropriate hymn, and prayer by Elder Samuel Wait, of Wake Forest College.

The list of Associations, Churches, and other religious bodies, auxiliary to the Convention, was then called by the Secretary, when it appeared they were represented by the following delegates:

ASSOCIATIONS.

Beulah Association—Elders John Robertson, John H. Lacy, A. D. Blackwood, George W. Purify, J. J. James, Samuel Wait—brethren Nathaniel J. Palmer, Joseph M. Russell, Benjamin J. Lea and J. F. Strayhorn.

Brier Creek Association—No delegates.

Chowan Association—No delegates.

Cape Fear Association—No delegates.

Flat River Association—Elder R. J. Devin; brethren J. P. Montague, H. B. Bridges, S. S. Hicks and J. B. Hobgood.

Jefferson Association—No delegates.

Liberty Association—No delegates.

Pee Dee Association—Elder William Jones.

Raleigh Association—Elders J. B. White, James S. Purify, William T. Brooks, L. C. Hinton, Thomas W. Tobey, David S. Williams, Patrick W. Dowd; brethren Thomas Lockhart, H. Y. Allen, Jacob A. Stevens, Josiah Horton, G. W. Scarborough, Walter R. Moore, G. M. L. Finch, L. B. Horton, Reuben Mitchell, William R. Trawick, W. H. Bunn, Isaac Winston, Rufus Ivey, B. J. Hackney, E. F. Beacham, Bedford Brown, Peyton A. Dunn, John Davis, Addison Lockhart, J. P. Cook, B. W. Justice and John A. Battle.

Tar River Association—Elder Thomas Wilcox, Guilford Lewis, Jeremiah Solomon, George W. Parham, Charles J. Egerton, Jones Cook, Dr. Thomas Pitchford, Henry A. Foote and J. B. Bowers.

Union Association—Elders James McDaniel, Isaac Merriam, J. M. C. Breaker, S. S. Biddle, C. D. Ellis, D. Jones, B. F. Biddle and B. Oliver.

Sandy Creek Association—Elder William C. Patterson.

Yadkin Association—Thomas H. Pritchard.

CHURCHES.

Hester's—Hamilton Hester.

Raleigh—P. Williams, A. M. Rocwell.

Milton—Elders Archibald McDowell, John H. Lacy.
Louisburg—Dr. J. B. Outlaw.
Edenton—Elder Aaron Jones, S. T. Bond.
Sawyer's Creek—Willis S. Grandy.
Cashie—William Folk, J. S. Taylor, Samuel Floyd.
Mar's Hill—James M. Ward, Benjamin F. Thomas, S. O. Tatum.
Mount Hermon—Moses Baldwin.
Holly Grove—William J. Freeman.
Fork Church—C. W. Bessent.
Trinity—Elder John H. Lacy.
Fayetteville—Elder N. A. Purify.
Bethel—Drury A. Harris.
Island Ford—S. O. Tatum, John Kinnion.
Wake Forest College—Elder J. B. White.
Madison—W. J. Witherington.
Conoconary—Bryant Bishop.
Sound Side—Joseph Halsey.
Mount Zion—Elder J. G. Barkley.
Gum Neck—Jonathan Bessnet.
Grassy Creek—John E. Montague, Samuel Gordon.
Oxford—T. T. Grandy.
Perry's Chapel—A. C. Perry.
Orange Street Church, Wilmington—Elder A. P. Repiton.
Salisbury—Elder J. B. Solomon.
Tarborough—P. P. Lawrence.
Piney Grove—Elder Edward Howell.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

Missionary Society of the Ahoskey Church—William J. Freeman.
Missionary Society of Colerain—John L. Britton.
Bertie Union Meeting—Elder John L. Britton.
Bethlehem Missionary Society of Hertford—John L. Britton.

BY INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

By Miss Ann L. Pope—Henry Pitman.
Per Self—Elder William H. Jordan.
Life Members by the Contribution or Subscription of Thirty Dollars—Elders John H. Lacy, Archibald McDowell, James McDaniel, Aaron Jones, William C. Patterson, Dr. J. B. Outlaw, L. B. Horton, Isom Holder, A. M. Rocwell.

[There are other Life Members, whose names have not been furnished by the General Agent.]

Elder John H. Lacy, of Milton, was appointed Assistant Recording Secretary.

On motion, brethren P. A. Dunn, Drury A. Harris and C. D. Ellis were appointed a committee of finance.

The Convention then proceeded, by ballot, to the election of a President. Elders William Jones and L. C. Hinton were appointed to superintend the balloting, who reported that Elder James McDaniel, of Wilmington, was duly elected. He was conducted to the Chair by Messrs. Jones and Hinton, from whence he made his acknowledgments to the Convention.

On motion of Elder Lacy, a committee of three was appointed by the President to nominate the remaining officers of the Convention. The Pre-

sident appointed Messrs. Lacy, N. A. Purify and T. T. Grandy, who reported the following:—

Elder Daniel S. Williams, First Vice President.
 Elder J. J. James, Second do.
 Dr. G. C. Moore, Third do.
 Elder John H. Lacy, Corresponding Secretary.
 Nathaniel J. Palmer, Esq'r, Recording Secretary.
 Elder James S. Purify, Treasurer. And
 Elder William T. Brooks, Auditor.

The report was *unanimously* concurred in, and the officers appointed as recommended.

On motion of Elder Barkley, a committee of five were appointed to arrange the religious exercises during the session of the Convention. Committee consists of Elder S. Wait, G. Lewis, J. Harper, P. P. Lawrence and N. J. Palmer.

On motion of brother Palmer, correspondents from neighboring Conventions and Associations, or other religious bodies, were invited to report themselves; when Elder A. M. Poindexter, Corresponding Secretary of the Southern Baptist Publication Society, being present, was invited to take a seat in the Convention. Elder Poindexter was also recognized as a correspondent of the General Association of Virginia.

On motion, visiting ministers present were invited to report themselves and take seats in the Convention; when Elder P. H. Smith, of the Tar River Association, accepted the invitation.

The Convention agreed that the hours of meeting shall be as follows: Meet each morning at 9 o'clock, take a recess at half past twelve until 3 o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Elder J. B. Soloman,

Resolved, That on the introduction of any subject not clearly within the constitutional objects of the Convention, the President shall declare the same inadmissible, which decision shall be final, unless overruled by a majority of the Convention.

On motion, Elders S. Wait, J. J. James and brother N. J. Palmer, were appointed to arrange the order of business for the Convention, and report to-morrow morning.

On motion of Elder L. C. Hinton,

Resolved, That the President appoint committees of five on each of the following subjects, to wit: Education, Home Missions, and Foreign Missions.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Poindexter, with the Christian doxology, and benediction by the President.

At night, Elder J. B. White, of Wake Forest College, agreeable to appointment, preached the Introductory Sermon, in the Baptist church, from Luke xix: 13.

FRIDAY MORNING, October 18th, 1850.

The Convention met according to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened after reading the 72nd Psalm, singing, and prayer by Elder P. W. Dowd.

The roll of members was called by the Secretary, and the names of additional delegates now in attendance enrolled. The proceedings of yesterday were read by the Secretary.

According to the resolution adopted on yesterday, the President appointed the following committees:

On Education—Elders James, Brooks, Lacy, and brethren S. S. Biddle and W. S. Grandy.

On Home Missions—Elders D. S. Williams, Merriam, Robertson, Barkley, Solomon, and brother J. P. Montague.

On Foreign Missions—Elders T. W. Tobey, Blackwood, N. A. Purify, and brethren Freeman and Halsey.

The report of the Committee of Arrangements was presented, read and adopted.

The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were read by the Assistant Secretary.

On motion of Elder Tobey,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to ascertain the names and the post offices of all of the ordained ministers and licentiates connected with the Convention, and that the list be inserted in the printed minutes of the Convention.

Committee to consist of Elder William Jones, J. B. Solomon and J. P. Montague.

On motion of Elder J. J. James, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to report on Special Changes in regard to the deaths of ministers and members of the Convention.

The President appointed Elders Aaron Jones, J. J. James and David S. Williams, to compose the committee.

On motion of the same,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed in reference to the recent death of Elder Adoniram Judson, D. D., late missionary to Burmah.

Committee to consist of Elders Samuel Wait, J. B. White and William T. Brooks.

Elder D. S. Williams offered an amendment to the Constitution in regard to the sum necessary to constitute Life Memberships in the Convention; which, after considerable debate, was, on motion, indefinitely postponed.

The report of the Board of Managers was then presented and read by Elder John H. Lacy, Corresponding Secretary.

On motion, the consideration of the report was postponed until the evening session of the Convention.

Elder J. S. Reynoldson, of Petersburg, Va., appeared as a representative from the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and was invited to a seat. He was also recognized as a correspondent from the General Association of Virginia.

Elder Horace Richardson, a visiting brother from the State of Massachusetts, was announced as present, and invited to a seat in the Convention.

The Convention then adjourned until this evening at 7 o'clock, in order to give place to the annual meeting of the North Carolina Baptist Bible Society. Prayer by Elder D. S. Williams.

FRIDAY EVENING, 7 o'clock.

The Convention met according to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened with prayer by Elder Richardson of Massachusetts.

The Report of the Board of Managers, being the first business before the Convention, it was, on motion of Elder Hinton, laid on the table until tomorrow morning.

Correspondents appointed at the last session to attend neighboring Conventions and Associations, being called on, made their reports, all of which were deemed satisfactory.

The Convention then proceeded to appoint Correspondents to attend the ensuing sessions of the following religious bodies, to wit:

To the General Association of Virginia, to meet in Richmond, on Friday before the first Sabbath in June next—Elders T. W. Tobey, J. H. Lacy, L. C. Hinton, R. J. Devin, James McDaniel, J. J. James, John Robertson, J. G. Barkley, Elias Dodson, A. P. Repiton; brethren John Kerr, N. J. Palmer, C. D. Ellis, J. B. Jackson, J. P. Montague and Dr. William B. Vaughan.

To the South Carolina Baptist State Convention, to meet on Friday before the second Sabbath in December next—Elders A. McDowell, N. A. Purify, A. P. Repiton, A. D. Blackwood, John H. Lacy, J. M. C. Breaker, Samuel Wait, Isaac Merriam, J. Monroe, J. J. James; brethren H. Lennox and R. Ivey.

To the North Carolina Western Baptist Convention, to meet on Friday before the first Sabbath in September, 1851—Elders John Robertson, J. J. James, Isaac Merriam, A. D. Blackwood, L. C. Hinton, J. B. Solomon, Thomas Miller, Wade Hill, R. Jacobs, S. P. Smith, W. C. Patterson; brethren W. S. Grandy, T. T. Grandy, Calvin Graves, C. W. Bessent, J. J. Blackwood, J. B. Jackson, Stinson Ivey, N. J. Palmer and J. M. Allen.

On motion, Elders Robertson, Devin and Blackwood, were appointed a Committee to nominate a Board of Managers for the ensuing year, who reported the following:—

Elders A. McDowell,
Samuel Wait,
J. B. White,
L. C. Hinton,
Hon. Calvin Graves,
John Kerr, Esq.,
A. G. Stevens,
Augustin Timberlake,
J. J. Yarbrough,
J. M. Allen,

Dr. William B. Vaughan,
Richard Newbill,
William M. Faulkner,
Thomas J. Valentine,
Wm. T. Walters,
Thomas S. Yarbrough,
George W. Thompson,
Dr William M. Crenshaw,
Peyton A. Dunn and
Isaac Winston.

The report was *unanimously* concurred in by the Convention:

On motion, a conference prayer meeting was appointed to be held on Sunday morning at 8½ o'clock, in reference to the state of religion within the bounds of the Convention. Also a general Missionary meeting at early candle light on Sunday evening in the Baptist Church.

On motion, Elder Aaron Jones, and brethren S. J. Biddle and C. W. Bessent, were appointed a committee to nominate ministers to preach the Annual Sermons at the next session of the Convention.

On motion, Elders D. S. Williams, William Jones and J. B. White, were appointed a committee to nominate suitable persons to be recommended by the Convention for appointment to fill vacancies in the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College.

The Convention then adjourned until to-morrow morning nine o'clock.
Prayer by Elder A. D. Blackwood.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 19th, 1850.

The Convention met according to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened by reading a part of the 37th chapter of Ezekiel. Singing, and prayer by Elder J. S. Reynoldson, of Petersburg, Va.

The proceedings of yesterday were read by the Secretary, and the names of additional delegates enrolled.

On motion of Elder T. W. Tobey,

Resolved unanimously, That the arrangement made by Elder William Jones, Agent of the Convention, with certain individuals in reference to Life Membership, be permitted to remain as agreed with them.

On motion of Elder J. S. Purify, (more than two-thirds of the members concurring,) the 6th article of the Constitution in regard to Life Directors, was so amended as to strike out that part authorizing the payment to be made in instalments, so as to require the amount to be paid at one time.

The report of the Board of Managers was then taken up, when Elder T. W. Tobey moved its acceptance, and publication in the Minutes of the Convention. After remarks by Elders Poindexter, James, Solomon, Jordan and Merriam, and brother N. J. Palmer, the report was adopted *unanimously*, and ordered to be published.

Elder J. J. James, offered the following preamble and resolution, which was adopted unanimously:—

Whereas, it is in contemplation to establish a Female Seminary of high character in the town of Oxford, in this State, to be under the control of the Baptist denomination; and whereas, such a measure is deemed highly important to our denominational interest, and to female education in general: Therefore,

Resolved, That this Convention concur in the propriety of establishing such an Institution, and agree to give way at a suitable hour, for a public meeting to be held for the promotion of that enterprise.

The Convention then, on motion, took a recess, in order to give place to a meeting of the friends of the proposed Female Institution, which was accordingly held, and measures adopted successfully to carry out the object.

After an intermission of about two hours, the Convention again resumed its session. Elder J. M. C. Breaker, of Newbern, appeared and took his seat.

On motion, the Convention agreed to give way at 3 o'clock, P. M., for the anniversary meeting of the North Carolina Baptist Publication and Sunday School Society, and then adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Elder J. M. C. Breaker.

SATURDAY EVENING, 7 o'clock.

The Convention met according to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened, after prayer by Elder R. J. Devin.

Upon the application of the Secretary for leave of absence after to-night, on account of important business requiring his attention at a distance, he was excused from further attendance during this session of the Convention.

A letter was received from the North Carolina Western Baptist Convention, which was read, and the Corresponding Secretary was directed to respond to the same by a suitable letter.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the selection of a suitable place for its next annual meeting, when on the petition of the First Baptist Church in Wilmington, made through its Pastor, Elder McDaniel, and also at the request of the Union Association, the Convention *unanimously* agreed to hold its next session with the First Baptist Church, in the town of Wilmington, commencing on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October, 1851. Elder P. W. Dowd was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder C. R. Hendrickson, his alternate. Elder Thomas W. Tobey, to preach the Missionary Sermon on Sabbath at 11 o'clock, A. M.; Elder J. M. C. Breaker, his alternate.

The following resolutions were submitted by brother N. J. Palmer, and *unanimously* adopted:

Resolved, That all the Churches in connection with this Convention, be, and they are hereby earnestly requested to take up a public collection, at their monthly meeting in the month of April next, to defray the expenses of the delegates of this Convention to the next session of the Southern Baptist Convention, to be held in Nashville, Tennessee, in the month of June next, and that the pastors be also requested to bring this matter prominently before their churches and congregations.

Resolved, That the proceeds of the collections made, be forwarded *immediately* by mail or otherwise, to Elder James S. Purify, Treasurer of the Convention, at Forestville, N. C.

On motion of Elder J. H. Lacy,

Resolved, That the churches connected with this Convention, on every year of the meeting of the Biennial Convention, be requested to take up a collection for the payment of the traveling expenses of the delegates from this body to the Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion, Messrs. S. S. Biddle, Isaac Winston and P. A. Dunn, were appointed a committee to nominate ten delegates to represent the Convention in the next Biennial Session of the Southern Baptist Convention, to be held in Nashville, Tennessee, commencing on the second Friday of May, 1851.

The committee reported the following list of delegates, to wit: Elders J. J. James, James McDaniel, R. J. Devin, David S. Williams, William H. Jordan, Samuel Wait, C. R. Hendrickson, Thomas W. Tobey, J. M. C. Breaker and L. C. Hinton; which report was unanimously concurred in.

The report of the Committee of Finance was presented by brother D. A. Harris, which was read and accepted, and the committee discharged.

The Convention then adjourned until Monday morning nine o'clock. Benediction by the President..

SUNDAY, October 20th, 1850.

Agreeable to appointment, a conference prayer meeting was held in the Baptist church, half past eight o'clock in the morning.

At ten o'clock, five persons were baptized by Elder S. Wait, pastor of the Baptist church at Louisburg, a large number of persons witnessing the ordinance.

At eleven o'clock, the Annual Missionary or Conventional Sermon was preached in the Baptist church, according to appointment, by Elder James McDaniel, President of the Convention. Elder J. S. Reynoldson preached

in the Methodist church, and Elder A. M. Poindexter in the Presbyterian church, each house being well filled with anxious and attentive hearers. Public collections were taken up in each church in aid of the funds of the Convention, amounting in the aggregate to one hundred and one dollars.

Elders Tobey and Jordan preached in the afternoon, in the Presbyterian and Methodist churches, and Elders Williams and Purify to the colored people, in the Baptist church.

At night there was held, agreeable to appointment, a Mass Missionary Meeting in the Baptist church, which was addressed successively by Elders Tobey, Reynoldson and Poindexter, when a public collection was taken up, amounting to upwards of thirty dollars. Elder J. J. James preached at the same hour in the Presbyterian church.

The public services throughout the day were intensely interesting, and we trust the impression on the community favorable and productive of lasting good.

MONDAY MORNING, October 21st, 1850.

The Convention met according to adjournment, and was opened by reading the 40th Psalm by the President, and prayer by Elder L. C. Hinton.

On motion, brother S. T. Bond was appointed Assistant Secretary.

It having been agreed that the proceeds of the public collection at the missionary meeting on Sunday night should be appropriated in purchasing a large number of copies of the missionary newspaper entitled "The Commission," published monthly under the direction of the Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, at Richmond, Va., for gratuitous distribution throughout the State, Elders Samuel Wait, J. G. Barkley and W. C. Patterson, were appointed a committee to recommend a plan to carry out that object.

Elder T. W. Tobey, from the Committee on Foreign Missions, presented the following report, which was read, and after remarks by Elder Tobey, adopted and ordered to be published with the minutes:—

The Committee on Foreign Missions present the following report:—

The march of the present age is onward. Never before has the cause of Foreign Missions obtained so strong a hold upon the public mind. It has been proved a practicable thing, successfully to advance the cause of Christ on heathen shores.

In Africa, there are connected with the Southern Baptist Convention sixteen colored men, laboring zealously, either as teachers or preachers, to promote the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom. Brother Bowen, missionary to Central Africa, was at the last accounts tarrying at Monrovia. Death has snatched from his side brother H. Goodale, his beloved fellow-laborer.

In Shanghai, China, the missionaries are pursuing their work with their wonted zeal and vigor. In a central part of the city a beautiful and commodious chapel has been erected, where large congregations from time to time listen to the preaching of the gospel. In another part of the city, service is held in a chapel rented from the Chinese. In the country, some twelve miles from Shanghai, a small neat building has been erected, answering both as a school-house and chapel. The schools connected with the mission are in a flourishing condition. Two missionaries have been appointed for Shanghai, who are expected to leave their native land in a few months. Recent letters from that city inform us that a commissioner has been sent to Peking, by the English government, with instructions to request the opening of other cities to foreigners, in the place of two of those where they are now permitted to reside.

A wide field of usefulness is open to our efforts, which is daily enlarging. Let us enter upon it with ardent zeal, determined to acquit ourselves like men, who desire to receive from their Lord and Master tokens of his approbation. Let our

efforts in this cause not be made as impulsive, varying *feeling* may direct, but as steady, persevering *principle* may urge. Let "excelsior" be our motto, and the subjugation of the whole world to Christ our great object. Let our prayers be many, and our contributions liberal. At the throne of grace let us remember our missionaries, praying that God will support and cheer them, and give them abundant success in their efforts to lead the heathen to the Saviour of the world.

All which is respectfully submitted.

T. W. TOBEY, *Chairman*.

At their request the Committee on Education were excused from making out a report at this session.

Elder David S. Williams, from the Committee on Home Missions, made the following report, which was read, and after remarks by Elders James, Poindexter, Purify, Breaker, Barkley, and brother Ellis, was adopted and ordered to be published with the minutes:—

The Committee on Home Missions beg leave to report:

This Convention is under renewed obligations to the Great Giver of all good, for his sparing mercies towards those who have labored as missionaries in this State, and for the success with which their labors have been crowned. Whilst the hand of death has been in our midst, the lives and health of our beloved missionaries have been spared unto them. Many precious souls, through their instrumentality, have been made to rejoice in the hope of the glory of God, and others that were cold and indifferent have been stirred up to a sense of their obligations to God.

True it is, that much good has been done the past year, but what has been done only goes to shew how much more is to be done. As light dawns on the world, the deformity of sin is exhibited more and more to view. It is to the Home Mission that we are to look for an increase of effort in foreign lands. Cultivate our own waste places, and that will enable us to extend our efforts to more distant and barren fields.

Your committee would respectfully invite your attention to the many thriving villages that are springing up in the western part of our State. Let them be supplied with faithful and efficient missionaries, and things will soon wear a different aspect.

Much more might be said on this interesting subject, but we forbear, from the fact, that in the report of the Board the whole matter is clearly laid before you.

All which is respectfully submitted.

D. S. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

The following preamble and resolution were presented on behalf of the Union Association:—

WHEREAS, there have been very liberal contributions to the objects of the Convention within the bounds of the Union Association, and whereas there is great destitution within these bounds: Therefore,

Resolved, That the Association request from the Convention an appropriation of funds to aid them in sustaining their missionaries.

On motion, the application was referred to the Board of Managers, who subsequently made an appropriation of \$300 towards that object.

On motion of Elder J. S. Purify,

Resolved, That the Board of Managers be, and they are hereby, requested in their Annual Reports to give such information in relation to each object of the Convention, as will supersede the necessity of having reports from committees specially appointed on those subjects.

The committee to whom was referred the distribution of the publication entitled "The Commission," made a report recommending that this matter be referred to the Board of Managers, which was adopted.

The Convention then adjourned until half past 2 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Elder Smith.

HALF PAST TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention met according to adjournment, and after prayer by Elder Lacy, proceeded to business.

The committee appointed to recommend suitable individuals for Trustees of Wake Forest College, made a report, which, after being amended by the addition of other names, was adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars be allowed to the Recording Secretary for his services to the Board of Managers and the Convention during the past year, and that the Treasurer pay the same.

On motion, the Recording Secretary was directed to have two thousand copies of the minutes of the Convention printed and distributed.

On motion, the committee raised in relation to the death of Dr. A. Judson, were allowed time to prepare their report and file it with the Secretary for publication.—(See Appendix.)

The committee appointed on Special Changes in reference to the recent deaths of ministers and members of the Convention, were allowed time to finish their report and file the same with the Secretary for publication.—(See Appendix.)

Elder William Jones, the General Agent of the Convention, made a report, which was read and accepted, and ordered to be published with the minutes.—(Not received by the Secretary.)

On motion, Elders Jordan, James and Solomon were appointed a committee to report on the appointment of a General Agent for the ensuing year, who subsequently recommended the re-appointment of Elder Wm. Jones, which was unanimously adopted.

On motion, the funds contributed for the purchase of copies of "The Commission" for general distribution in this State, were directed to be paid to Elder J. S. Reynoldson, to be handed to the Board of Managers of Foreign Missions at Richmond, Va., for that purpose.

On motion, the Treasurer was directed to pay over to Elder J. S. Reynoldson, representative of the Foreign Mission Board, the foreign mission fund contributed by the Raleigh Association, to be delivered to the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention recommend to the several Baptist churches of the State to establish schools for the oral instruction of our colored population.

On motion, brother John White, a licentiate of the — Association, was requested to appear before the Convention, who gave an interesting account of his experience of grace, his call to the ministry, &c., and having given his views in regard to doctrinal subjects, he was recommended to his Association for their aid in preparing for more extensive usefulness in the ministry.

On motion, it was

Unanimously resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be, and they are hereby, tendered to the brethren and citizens of Louisburg and its vicinity for their kindness and hospitality extended to its members during their session among them.

On motion, it was further

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be tendered to our Presbyterian and

Methodist brethren, for the kind tender and use of their churches during the present meeting.

The Convention having gone through with all of its business, on motion, they agreed to adjourn *sine die*; when, after prayer by Elder William H. Jordan, the President adjourned the Convention until its next annual meeting with the First Baptist church in Wilmington, N. C., on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October, 1851.

JAMES McDANIEL, *Pres't.*

NATH'L J. PALMER, *Rec. Sec'y.*

APPENDIX.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD.

The Board of Managers of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, in presenting this, their twenty-first annual report, have the joyful satisfaction of testifying to that Providential guidance and care, which has hitherto distinguished the efforts of the Convention, and caused its founders and friends to rejoice that they were, under the blessing of God, instrumental in bringing it into existence.

During the past year, the life and health of the members of the Board, and of the faithful and zealous missionaries acting under their appointment and direction, have been precious in the sight of the Lord, and therefore signally preserved.

MISSIONARIES OF THE BOARD.

Immediately after the adjournment of the Convention in October last, the Board held a meeting in Oxford, when the following appointments were made:

Elder Richard Jacks, was on application of the Liberty Association, appointed to labor within their bounds as a missionary, for six months, they agreeing to pay one-half his salary.

Elder Joseph G. Barkley, was appointed to labor as a missionary for twelve months in the counties of Tyrrell and Washington, the Board agreeing to pay \$ 150 towards his salary.

Brother William T. Walters was appointed a missionary to the towns of Salisbury, Charlotte, Mocksville and Statesville, for twelve months, with a salary of \$ 25 per month.

Elder S. P. Smith was appointed a missionary to labor in the bounds of the Brier Creek and Jefferson Associations, for six months, commencing in the Spring, the Board agreeing to provide for one-half his salary. Brother Smith has not filled his appointment.

At the request of the Beulah Association, Elder Elias Dodson was re-appointed their missionary for the ensuing year, they agreeing to provide for his support, with which obligation they have faithfully complied.

And Elder D. S. Williams was, with his consent, appointed a missionary of the Board for the ensuing year, to the counties of Wayne and Johnston, relying on his field of labor for his support.

At an adjourned meeting of the Board, held in Milton, on the 27th of October last, Elder John Robertson was appointed a missionary to the counties of Rockingham, Guilford and Forsyth, for twelve months, and to rely on his field of labor, for two-thirds of his support.

Elder A. D. Blackwood was appointed a missionary for three months, to Hillsborough and vicinity.

Elder J. B. Solomon was appointed a missionary of the Convention for twelve months, to labor in the bounds of the Yadkin Association.

At the first quarterly meeting of the Board, held in Milton, on 17th of November last, at the request of Elder Richard Jacks, and a committee of the Jefferson Association, his appointment was changed, that he might become the missionary of that Association.

And at a subsequent meeting of the Board, brother Norman Hereford, of Virginia, was appointed a missionary to travel in the bounds of the Liberty Association, in the place of brother Jacks, who had been transferred.

In consequence of the appointment of Elder Jacks to the Jefferson Association, the appointment of Elder S. P. Smith was changed to Brier Creek Association.

At the same meeting a resolution was adopted, requesting the Moderator of each Association within our bounds, having no missionary, to call a special meeting of the Association, at some convenient place, for the purpose of devising the ways and means of co-operating with the Board, in order that a missionary may be appointed to travel within the bounds of each Association in the State. So far as the Board have knowledge, but one Association (the Tar River) complied with the request, and on their recommendation, Elder P. H. Smith was promptly appointed their missionary, until the present meeting of the Convention, at a salary of \$20 per month, they agreeing to provide one half of the same.

At a meeting of the Board held on the 17th of February last, brother William T. Walters, in consequence of his appointment as a tutor in Wake Forest College, declined to accept the appointment conferred on him; whereupon, the Board changed the appointment of Elder J. B. Solomon, who had recently commenced his labors as missionary for the Yadkin Association, so as to appoint him missionary for the towns of Salisbury, Mocksville and Rockford, with such intermediate places as he might have it in his power to visit.

At the same time, the appointment of Elder A. D. Blackwood, as missionary to the town of Hillsborough and its vicinity, was continued, and the Corresponding Secretary directed to ascertain what amount the brethren and friends there would contribute towards his support.

At the next meeting of the Board, on the 18th of May last, the report of Elder Wade Hill, missionary to the valley of the Catawba, appointed jointly by the Board and "The Broad River Society for the Spread of the Gospel," was received, and the Board agreed, in consideration of the great destitution in that section of North Carolina, to unite with that Society in continuing his appointment another year.

The foregoing are all the missionary appointments made by the Board. It is proper here, however, to remark, that the Board in their meeting held at Wake Forest College, in June last, agreed to appropriate \$100 to aid the church in Raleigh, in the support of a pastor, and to unite with that church in application to the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, for an appropriation of \$200 more towards the same object; and the Board are gratified to inform the Convention, that the church there has obtained the services of Elder Thomas W. Tobey, of Virginia, late a missionary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to China, but who has been compelled to return home. The Secretary of the Board as instructed, united with the committee of the church in Raleigh, in the application to the Southern Home Mission Board for aid, which the Board regret to say, has not as yet been granted, mainly for the reason, as their Corresponding Secretary alleges, that our State has given them little or no aid in

their operations, at the same time promising, that if a suitable agent can be procured to operate for that Board in North Carolina, the proceeds of his collections shall be appropriated in the appointment of missionaries to labor in the State.

All of the missionaries appointed by the Board, with the exception of brother Walters and Elder D. S. Williams, have been engaged in the discharge of their duties, and their quarterly reports show, that their efforts in the cause of Christ have been abundantly blessed. On account of family afflictions, Elder Williams has been prevented from fulfilling his appointment. Their reports are all on file, and such of them as may be requested, can be read in the Convention, or inspected by any of its members.

While on this head the Board would remark, that it is to them a source of sincere regret, that so few of our Associations which bear the name of missionary bodies, co-operate with them in the appointment of missionaries. We are sure that if they could once experience the benefits of the labors of a faithful servant of Christ traveling within their bounds, they would no longer hesitate to aid in this noble cause.

BENEFICIARIES.

At the first meeting of the Board held after the adjournment of the Convention, brother Robert B. Jones, a licentiate of the Mill Creek church, in Person county, and brother Moses Baldwin, a licentiate of the Cedar Falls church, in Randolph county, after suitable recommendations and examination before the Board, were unanimously received as beneficiaries of the Convention at Wake Forest College, for six months. The Board also agreed to appropriate \$50 towards the support of brother James G. Jackson, (a licentiate of Hester's church, in Granville county, then at the college,) for the present year.

At a special meeting of the Board on the 12th of December last, upon the recommendation of the Faculty, brother G. M. Lafayette Finch, was received as a beneficiary, so far as to pay his tuition.

And at a meeting on the 17th of February, brother Elijah F. Beecham was also received as a beneficiary of the Convention, (brother B. is a licentiate of Shiloh church, in the Chowan Association,) until the annual commencement in June.

At a special meeting of the Board held at Wake Forest College, on the 12th of June last, brethren Jones, Beecham and Baldwin, were upon the report of the Faculty, and the examination of brother Beecham, continued as beneficiaries.

At the same time, brother B. J. Hackney of Chatham, was received as a beneficiary of the Board in respect to paying his tuition. Thus making, with brother John C. Averett, of Cumberland, now in the senior class, seven beneficiaries, licentiates of their respective churches, who have been aided by the Convention the present year.

The Board regret to state, that in consequence of the ill health of brother Robert B. Jones, by the advice of his physician, he has been compelled to leave the college. Brother Jackson remained but a few months, when he left the college and married. He has since taken a school. He is, however, engaged in the ministry, and promises to be useful.

The report of the Faculty of the college, in reference to the moral standing and intellectual progress of our beneficiaries, is highly satisfactory, and induces us to anticipate, that when they shall have completed their course of studies, they will be abundantly useful as ministers of the gospel of Christ.

AGENT OF THE CONVENTION.

Elder William Jones, appointed at the last meeting of the Convention as its Agent, has been prosecuting his agency with more than usual success, and the amount of funds and subscriptions already realized, far exceeds the amount of the last year, and gives evidence of an increased interest in the important objects of the Convention, and the zeal and efficiency of the Agent.

The amendment in the Constitution of the Convention, adopted at the last meeting, providing for Life-Memberships on the payment of thirty dollars, has been highly beneficial, and has augmented the means of the Convention, by making increased interest in its behalf. Already upwards of fifty Life Members have been obtained, which number, the Board indulge the fond hope, will be greatly increased at the present meeting of the Convention.

SPECIAL AGENCY.

At the meeting of the Board held at Wake Forest College, June 12th, Elder J. J. James, of Caswell, was appointed the Special Agent of the Convention for three months, to visit the towns and counties in the western portion of the Convention, and also to represent the Board in the Western Baptist Convention of this State. He was to make a report to the Board as to the most eligible and inviting fields of labor in that section of the State—to receive subscriptions and collect funds in aid of the objects of the Convention—and to give such advice or assistance to our missionaries laboring there, as might be deemed necessary. A copy of the letter of instructions to him, accompanies this report.

Elder James accepted this appointment and entered upon its duties in the month of August. His report which is herewith laid before you, accompanies this communication, and to its important suggestions and statements, your attention is earnestly invited. All must feel the importance of this extensive field of labor, and share with us in the ardent desire that it may be speedily supplied with faithful and efficient missionaries. The flourishing towns in that portion of our State, should be supplied with Baptist preaching statedly, at least twice per month, and from these an influence of the most auspicious character would go out in the surrounding country in behalf of the Baptist cause.

Greensboro, Salisbury, Charlotte, Wadesboro, Wilkesboro, Rockford, Mocksville and Lincolnton, should be supplied with missionary labor, each missionary being confined to two towns and the intermediate country. In Salisbury and Mocksville, the Board are pleased to learn, that liberal provision will be made by the brethren and friends for a missionary to labor among them the ensuing year.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

At a meeting of the Board, held in Milton on the 18th of May, Dr. William A. Shaw, appointed at the last meeting of the Convention Corresponding Secretary, and who had faithfully discharged the duties of his appointment up to that time, resigned his office in consequence of his removal to Virginia, and Elder John H. Lacy, of Milton, was appointed to fill the vacancy, who immediately entered upon the discharge of his duties. At the same time, brother Richard A. Newbell, of Milton, was appointed a member of the Board in the place of Elder Lacy.

EDUCATION.

The Board are gratified to know, that this indispensable branch of missionary effort is beginning to call forth the action which its importance demands. Public attention has been directed to it, and the result (so far as the shortness of time has permitted,) has equalled, if not surpassed, the expectations of its most sanguine

friends. Wake Forest College is steadily advancing. Its number of students has increased, and its prospects for distinguished success are brighter than they have ever been. The members of the Faculty are well qualified for their duties, and are devoting all their energies and giving all their powers, both physical and intellectual, to the advancement of those committed to their care.

The graduates of this institution are not inferior to those of any other in the State, and deservedly rank with the first in literary attainments. The young men, who are now laying the foundation of future usefulness in the acquisition of knowledge and in mental training, are noted for their elevated moral character. Intemperance is unknown, and they have an active and efficient Division of Sons of Temperance. There are also two Literary Societies, well conducted and admirably calculated to provoke each other to generous emulation, and cause them to strive nobly for the palm. The society on the hill and in the surrounding country, is such as the best may desire—such as cannot fail to exert a powerful influence in favor of the College.

With such advantages as these, the Board feel confident that the College must prosper and be eminently useful. While the education of young men is thus attracting the attention of the wise and good, the improvement of the mind of young ladies is gaining the aid and zealous effort of those *truly* great, who have a proper regard for the advancement of our race in virtue and true wisdom. The Chowan Female Institute, in Murfreesborough, Elder M. R. Fory, *Principal*, Sedgewick School, in Raleigh, Mrs. Finch, *Principal*, Milton Female Academy, Elder A. McDowell, *Principal*, Rockford Female Institute, Rev. E. W. West, *Principal*, are all receiving a liberal support, and are worthy of the patronage of those desiring to educate their daughters and qualify them for the active duties and responsibilities of life.

The Board are gratified to be able to state, that measures promising a successful issue, have been taken by the friends of such an institution, to establish a Female College under the control of the Baptist denomination, in the town of Oxford in this State.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The cause of foreign missions is prospering in every quarter of the world. Nearly every denomination of Christians is engaged in this glorious work, and perhaps every nation has been made the theatre of missionary operations. The Foreign Board of the Southern Baptist Convention have missions in China and Africa, and though its friends have been called to pass through fiery trials, there is much reason to bless God and take courage, to press forward in a work so entirely worthy of the prayerful consideration of every believer in Christ.

Some of the missionaries of this Board have died, others have been compelled by ill health to leave the field of operations; yet it has pleased God to spare the lives and preserve the health of others, who are prosecuting their labors with zeal and success. God has graciously opened the nations of the East to the ministers of the cross of Christ, so that light has sprung up to them that sat in darkness; multitudes are turning to God their Saviour, desiring to be taught the way of the Lord more perfectly, but have none to guide them; many are sinking beneath God's righteous law, who have never heard of him who was made sin (or a sin-offering,) for them, that they might be made the righteous of God in him.

The beloved disciple says, "whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" If this be true in respect to temporal want, how much more is it applicable to him who denies the heathen that light which can turn them to

God from the hell into which the heathen, with all nations that forget God, shall be turned !

Many *do* feel, however, that they and all that they have belong unto the Lord ; many *do* feel that they “ are stewards of the manifold mercies of God,” and that in a short time they must give an account of their stewardship to Him who is no respecter of persons, but will judge every one by his deeds. They know that it is more blessed to give than to receive ; that God loveth the cheerful giver.

In the foreign mission field the harvest is plenty, but the laborers are few ; it therefore becomes every follower of the Redeemer to enquire whether he is not called on, by the Great Head of the church, to forsake all that this world calls good or great, even all that is dear to social beings, “ friends, connections, happy country,” and bear the glad news of salvation to the benighted heathen. Except this principle rule in the heart, there can be no claim to the blessings of the kingdom of heaven.

HOME MISSIONS.

While nothing may be said to the prejudice of foreign missions—while many thousands esteem it a privilege to aid in this great scheme of benevolence to man—the home mission is of infinite importance, as on the proper management of domestic affairs must depend the efficiency of efforts made abroad.

The Board have good reason to congratulate the Convention on the success of their missionaries in this State. The time is just at hand when the reflex action of foreign missions is beginning to be felt in the hearts of all concerned in them. The Convention has had those who were opposed to its benevolent designs, but they are uniting with it now, and regard it as an union for strength, to concentrate the efforts of all, so as to make them subserve the interests of the Redeemer’s kingdom.

As the thirteen colonies united to resist the tyranny and aggression of the British crown, so are the Baptists of North Carolina uniting for the purpose of effectually resisting the progress of error, and taking that position to which they are entitled. Faithful missionaries, men full of the Holy Spirit, are well suited to this business. Let such men go forth bearing good seed, and doubtless they shall return again bearing their sheaves with them.

In conclusion, the Board express the sincere desire that all will lay aside self-interest, self-will, and every feeling of the heart which is the fruit of sin, and dedicate themselves to the service of God. Let all be subservient to the one great purpose of evangelizing the world. Let all adopt the language of the apostle, “ to me to live is Christ,” and acting under the influence of such a principle, God will be merciful to us and bless us, and cause his face to shine upon us, that his way may be known on earth, his saving health among all nations.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BARZILLAI GRAVES, *Chairman*.

JNO. HENRY LACY, *Cor. Sec.*

Milton, N. C., Oct. 5, 1850.

P. S.—After the foregoing report had been approved by the Board and signed, our brother, Gen. Barzillai Graves, the esteemed Chairman of the Board, and who had acted as such since their location in Milton, was suddenly called from time to eternity, after a very brief illness, a few days before the meeting of the Convention. At a called meeting of the Board on the 11th of October, appropriate resolutions were offered and adopted in relation to his death, and the Committee on Special Changes have noticed the same in their report.

N. J. PALMER, *Rec. Sec.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JAMES S. PURIFY, *Treas'r*, In account with N. C. B. S. CONVENTION, DR.

	H. M.	F. M.	Ed.	Total.
Balance on hand 1849, - - -			76 57	76 57
Received of Yopin church, - - -		6 00		6 00
“ Beulah Association, - - -	200 00	27 50		227 50
“ Tar River Association, - - -	83 79	3 79	3 79	91 37
“ Committee of Finance, - - -	144 85	130 42	47 80	323 07
“ Sabbath collection, - - -	34 00	34 00	33 00	101 00
Collected by J. B. Solomon, - - -	142 57			142 57
“ J. Robertson, - - -	170 00			170 00
“ W. N. Heriford, - - -	30 10			30 10
“ G. J. Barkley, - - -	38 00			38 00
“ J. D. Blackwood, - - -	30 00			30 00
“ W. Jones, agent, - - -	522 15	325 46	542 65	1390 26
Received of Western Convention, 1849, -		54 19	50	54 69
“ “ “ 1850, -		38 20	7 59	45 79
“ Jefferson Association, - - -	75 00			75 00
“ Yates Committee of Raleigh Association, for the support of M. T. Yates,		600 40		600 40
“ N. C. B. B. Society, for Chinese Bible,		22 00		22 00
“ Western Convention, for African do.,		16 51		16 51
	1470 46	1258 47	711 90	3440 83
CREDITS.				
Paid John Robertson in full, 1849, - -	136 68			136 68
Paid N. J. Palmer, Secretary, 1849, -	16 00	17 00	17 00	50 00
Paid N. J. Palmer, postage and paper, 1850,	1 35	1 00	1 00	3 35
E. Dodson, H. M., in full, 1850, -	200 00			200 00
W. N. Heriford in full, 1850, -	133 35			133 35
John Robertson in full, 1850, -	270 00			270 00
R. Jacks, H. M., in part, 1850, -	75 00			75 00
J. B. Solomon, H. M., in full, 1850, -	300 00			300 00
W. Jones, agent, in full of salary, 1850,	152 89	152 89	152 88	458 66
W. T. Brooks for board J. C. Averett, 1850,			76 00	76 00
Do. do. for do. E. F. Beachum, do.,			76 00	76 00
B. J. Hackney for board R. B. Jones, do.,			50 00	50 00
W. Jones, for board R. B. Jones, 1849,			16 00	16 00
W. Jones, for board M. Baldwin, 1850,			76 00	76 00
P. H. Smith, H. M., in full, 1850, -	105 19			105 19
Wade Hill, H. M., in full, 1849, -	50 00			50 00
A. Thomas, treas. F. M. Board, for support of M. T. Yates in China, -		600 40		600 40
A. Thomas, treas. F. M. B., African Bible,		16 51		16 51
Do: do. do., Chinese do.,		22 00		22 00
Do. do. do., for For. Missions,		448 17		448 17
Wake Forest College for tuition J. C. Averett, 1850, - - -			50 00	50 00
Wake Forest College for tuition M. Baldwin, 1850, - - -			40 00	40 00
Wake Forest College for tuition E. F. Beachum, 1850, - - -			40 00	40 00
Wake Forest College for tuition B. J. Hackney, 1850, - - -			20 00	20 00
A. D. Blackwood, H. M., 1850, -	30 00			30 00
	1470 46	1258 47	614 88	3343 31
Balance on hand for Education, - - -			97 02	97 02
			711 90	3440 83

JAMES S. PURIFY, *Treas'r*.

I have examined the foregoing account of James S. Purify, Treasurer of the Convention, and find it correct.

WILLIAM T. BROOKS, *Auditor.*

DEBTS OF THE CONVENTION.

	H. M.	F. M.	Ed.	Total.
Due P. H. Smith, H. M., 1850,	44 81			44 81
S. Wait, H. M., 1849,	50 00			50 00
Allen Freeman, borrowed money, (interest to date,)	375 00			375 00
R. Jacks, H. M., 1850,	60 00			60 00
N. J. Palmer, Secretary,	16 00	17 00	17 00	50 00
Appropriation in aid of Raleigh church,	100 00			100 00
	<u>\$645 81</u>	<u>17 00</u>	<u>17 00</u>	<u>679 81</u>

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. S. PURIFY, *Treas'r.*

REPORT ON SPECIAL CHANGES.

The Committee on Special Changes beg leave to submit the following as their report:—

Since the last session of the Convention, several of its warmest friends and supporters have been removed to their eternal reward. Among these, the first was our beloved brother, Elder J. J. FINCH. Brother Finch was no ordinary man. Possessing a clear, well cultivated, vigorous mind, a sound, discriminating judgment, with extraordinary powers of application, united with a firm, uncompromising adherence to the monitions of a thoroughly enlightened conscience, he occupied one of the first positions among us in efficiency, in influence, and in usefulness. He was identified with all measures of improvement and progress, and was emphatically foremost in every good work. He labored ardently and zealously to elevate the position, to promote the success and extend the triumphs of our beloved Zion. To “the truth as it is in Jesus,” he was devotedly attached, and to its propagation and defence he consecrated his talents, his influence, his health, and his life. His death is therefore a severe loss to the denomination, and to this Convention in particular. He was its firm friend, its active and efficient officer, and was always present at its sessions, to aid by his counsel and experience in its deliberations. But he will never meet with us again. He is gone, as we believe, to be a member of that higher Convention of the spirits of just men made perfect. Let us, therefore, brethren, while we bedew his memory with our tears, and sympathize with those who most deeply feel his loss, not “sorrow as those without hope,” for, “as we believe that Jesus died and rose again,” even so have we confidence that our brother sleeps in Jesus, and will appear with him in glory.

The next among the prominent friends of the Convention, who has entered the saints’ everlasting rest during the year, is our venerable brother, Elder WILLIAM H. MERRITT. In consequence of severe bodily affliction, which made it difficult for him to travel long distances, our brother was deprived of the privilege of attending the meetings of the Convention for years before his death; but he was none the less its ardent friend and liberal patron. During his life he regularly contributed to its

funds, and at his death left \$2,000 to be appropriated to the education of young men who have in view the gospel ministry. His liberality is well known. He was the friend of every good work. No agent nor friend of missions, in the various departments, ever visited him in vain. His hand and his heart were always open to respond to every call which had for its object the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom. He, too, died in peace. His trust was in Jesus, and so strong was his confidence that, as he often expressed, he was "willing to die when, where and how, the Lord pleased." But few men have stronger faith, and but few make it more manifest by works of love and benevolence.

Yet another of the ardent friends of the Convention, called to his reward during the year, is our beloved brother, Gen. BARZILLAI GRAVES. Brother Graves had been Chairman of the Board of Managers for several years previous to his death, and one of the last official acts of his life was to affix his signature to the last Annual Report, read during the present session. His loss, too, is severely felt.

Thus, one after another, the friends and officers of the Convention have passed away. And how soon it will be said, that those who now survive have followed. Brethren, let us be admonished, that "whatever our hands find to do, to do it with our might." Let us "be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as we know that our work and labor are not in vain in the Lord."

All which is respectfully submitted.

AARON JONES, JR., *Chairman.*

REPORT ON THE DEATH OF DR. JUDSON.

The Committee on the death of Dr. Judson, report:—

That they have no language adequately to express their grief, under so sore a bereavement. This venerable missionary labored nearly forty years in a heathen land, encountering at times, difficulties the most appalling, and toiling during his entire missionary career, with a perseverance, fidelity and success, worthy of all praise. But his work is done, and he has entered, we doubt not, upon that rest which remains for the people of God.

Learning that his life will soon be published, the committee refrain from further remark, and submit the following resolutions:

1st. That in the death of Dr. Judson, the cause of missions has sustained an irreparable loss.

2nd. That in his entire consecration to his work, he has left to all future missionaries, a noble and instructive example, worthy of all imitation.

3rd. That while this Convention in common with the Christian world, deeply deplore his loss, his great success should inspire us with renewed confidence in God, and prompt us to untiring efforts in his cause.

4th. That this Convention feel the deepest sympathy for his afflicted family.

All which is respectfully submitted.

S. WAIT, *Chairman.*

COPY OF LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS.

MILTON, June 20th, 1850.

Elder J. J. James:

Dear Brother,—At a special meeting of the Board of Managers of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, held at Wake Forest College, on Wednesday, the 12th instant, it was resolved unanimously, that you be appointed a Special Agent of the Board for three months, with a salary of twenty-five dollars per month, and your necessary traveling expenses, to visit the western towns and counties of North Carolina, and also to represent the Board at the ensuing meeting of the Western Baptist Convention, to be held at Bethel church, in Haywood county, N. C., Friday before the first Sabbath in September next.

You are authorized and requested by the Board, to devote as much time as you can in visiting our missionary stations and circuits, and to afford our missionaries such aid, advice and instruction, as they may need in the discharge of their appropriate duties; particularly, in the constitution of churches, the ordination of deacons, &c. You are also authorized and requested to receive subscriptions, and collect funds, in aid of the objects of the Convention.

You will from time to time communicate with the Board in Milton, in relation to the progress of your agency, and make a full report at the conclusion of the same, in time to be laid before our ensuing Baptist State Convention, in which you are requested among other things to recommend the most eligible and desirable places for missionary labors.

You will doubtless find in many places, the objects of our Convention misrepresented, and also the doctrines and practices of the regular Baptist churches. These false statements, the Board expect it will be no less your duty than pleasure to correct.

Should there be found existing any difficulty between the missionaries of the Board, and the ministers and members of local Baptist churches in their fields of labor, you will use your best efforts to reconcile them.

As the funds raised by the Western Baptist Convention of this State for Foreign Missions, are placed under the control of the State Convention, you are authorized to receive the same, and give them a proper receipt for the amount.

You will please urge upon our brethren and friends in the West, that inasmuch as most of our missionaries are appointed to labor in that region of the State, and consequently, the principal portion of our funds is expended there, the Board indulge the hope, that they will extend to them liberal aid in sustaining the preached gospel amongst them.

That the Divine blessing may attend your efforts in behalf of the Board, and crown them with abundant success, is my sincere prayer.

On behalf of the Board.

N. J. PALMER, *Recording Secretary.*

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## REPORT OF SPECIAL AGENT.

CASWELL, October 2nd, 1850.

*To the Board of Managers of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention:*

Dear Brethren,—In fulfilling an appointment, made me last June, of a Special Agency to visit the upper section of our State, with instructions relating to our Home Mission department, &c., and having performed the same to the best of my ability, I herewith transmit to you a summary report, made out from the memoranda or notes taken during my tour.

I visited nearly all the towns and most of our missionary stations on this side of the Blue Ridge, being prevented from going over by a severe storm of wind and rain, which rendered the roads through the mountains impassable. I advanced as far south and west as Shelby in Cleveland county, where the storm overtook me. Finding it altogether impracticable to attempt crossing the Ridge, I was unable to attend the Western Convention. So soon as I could travel at all, I fell back to Lincolnton, the only passable road, and then moved in a north-eastern direction along the Catawba and Yadkin rivers, and the section between them, advancing as far north as Rockford, Surry county. I met with most of our missionaries appointed to this part of the State, and found them actively engaged in laboring at their respective posts. They were generally well spoken of by the people with whom I conversed, who seemed to think their labors were well received by most of their congregations.

At several stations I found some revival interest, and assisted our brethren all that I could in holding meetings. I had the pleasure of seeing some interesting candidates for baptism immersed upon a profession of their faith in Christ.

I was kindly received, not only by our missionaries, who appeared glad to see me, but by my brethren and friends generally.

During my tour I found a number of towns and neighborhoods destitute of Baptist preaching, some of which I think it quite important for us to occupy. But for the places specified, and for other particulars, I must refer you to my memoranda, which I intend for the use of the Board.

At all the stations I did what I could to get subscriptions circulated for raising funds towards paying the missionaries in charge, believing that to be much the most effective plan. The missionaries will report the amounts. At a few places I thought it best to take up collections,—the amounts are carefully entered on another page.

In conclusion, allow me to say, that while I was gratified to find our sentiments better understood, and our denomination on the increase, in the upper portion of our State, there appeared to be a greater demand for Baptist preaching than I have noticed heretofore. I would, therefore, recommend that our forces be increased in that direction, by the appointment of several more energetic missionaries.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. J. JAMES.

*Statement of labors, receipts, &c., as Special Agent of the Board of Managers of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.*

I labored about two months in the service of the Board, and traveled about 600 miles; preached twenty-five sermons. I visited and preached in the following towns, viz: Greensborough, Jamestown, Lexington, Salisbury, Lincolnton, Shelby,

Statesville, Mocksville, Rockford, Clemensville, and Germanton, besides a number of country places. I also explained generally our Conventional movements and plans of operation, and spoke frequently on collateral subjects, whenever it seemed necessary. I endeavored to shed all the light I could, and remove, if possible, improper prejudices against us.

I attended the Liberty and Brier Creek Associations, and assisted in the constitution of a church in Greensborough.

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| Received in cash for the Convention, | \$ 27 19    |
| Paid out for traveling expenses,     | 10 00       |
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| Due the Convention,                  | \$ 17 19    |
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All of the above I think is correct.

J. J. JAMES.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

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LOUISBURG, N. C., October 17, 1850.

The Board of Managers met at the room of the Recording Secretary. Present—Elders John H. Lacy, James S. Purify; and brethren Isaac Winston, P. A. Dunn and Nathaniel J. Palmer.

A quorum of the Board being present, on motion, Elder James S. Purify, was appointed Chairman, when its proceedings were opened with prayer by Elder J. B. Solomon.

The report of Elder John Robertson, missionary for the counties of Rockingham, Guilford and Forsyth, was received and read, when on motion, it was ordered, that the Treasurer pay him one hundred dollars, the amount due, according to the terms of his appointment.

The report of William N. Heriford, missionary for the Liberty Association, was received and read, when on motion, the Treasurer of the Convention was directed to pay him the sum of \$103 25 cents, the amount due him for his services, after deducting the amount received within his field of labor.

The report of Elder J. B. Solomon, missionary to the towns of Salisbury, Mocksville and Rockford, was received, when on motion, the Treasurer was directed to pay him one hundred and fifty-seven dollars, fifty cents, the amount due him, after deducting the amounts received in his field of labor.

On motion, the Treasurer was directed to pay Elder Samuel Wait fifty dollars for his services as missionary to the town of Louisburg, for the year 1849.

The report of Elder P. H. Smith, missionary for the Tar River Association, was presented and read; and on motion, the Treasurer was directed to pay him seventy dollars, the balance due him (after deducting his receipts) for seven and one-half months services, at the rate of twenty dollars per month.

The report of Elder J. G. Barkley, missionary to the counties of Tyrrell and Washington, was received and read, when on motion, the Treasurer was directed to pay him the sum of one hundred and twelve dollars, the balance due him after deducting his receipts.

The bill of expenses of the Recording Secretary for postage and paper, amounting to \$3 35 cents, was presented, and ordered to be paid by the Treasurer.

On motion, the Board then adjourned. Prayer by Elder J. G. Barkley.

JAMES S. PURIFY, *Chairman*.

N. J. PALMER, *Secretary*.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE NEW BOARD.

LOUISBURG, N. C., October 21st, 1850.

The newly appointed Board of Managers of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, met at the Baptist church, on Monday evening at seven o'clock. Present—Elder James McDaniel, President, Elders John H. Lacy, James S. Purify, Samuel Wait, D. S. Williams and J. J. James. The President took the chair, and the proceedings were opened with prayer by Elder J. B. Solomon.

A communication was received from the Sandy Creek Association, requesting the appointment of Elder W. C. Patterson, as their missionary, which was granted, they paying him his salary at the rate of twenty-five dollars per month.

Agreeably to a request from the Pedee Association, Elder P. C. Connelly was appointed as their missionary, at the rate of \$25 per month, they providing for his salary.

At the request of the Yadkin Association, Elder Richard Jacks was appointed their missionary for six months, at the rate of twenty-five dollars per month, they providing for the payment of his salary.

On motion of Elder J. J. James, Elder Thomas Miller was appointed to preach at Harper's school-house, in Davidson county, and other places convenient thereto, relying on his field of labor for his support.

Elder J. B. Solomon, according to requests sent up, was appointed a missionary of the Convention for twelve months, for the towns of Salisbury, in Rowan, and Mocksville, in Davie county, and also to Red Plains, in Surry county, at the rate of twenty-five dollars per month, the Board agreeing to provide for one-half of his salary, or such portion of one-half as may not be received within his field of labor.

At the request of the Tar River Association, Elder P. H. Smith was appointed to labor within their bounds for twelve months, relying upon his field of labor for support.

By request, Elder J. G. Barkley was appointed a missionary of the Convention for the towns of Tarborough, in Edgecomb, and Greenville, in Pitt county; also to preach in the town of Washington, N. C., if deemed expedient, he relying upon his field of labor for his support.

On motion, Elder Henry Speight was appointed a missionary of the Convention for the counties of Tyrrell and Washington, relying on his field of labor for his support.

By request of the Union Association, and in consideration of the liberal contributions from year to year made by the members of that body to the Convention, and the small amount of aid heretofore extended to them; also in consideration of the great destitution of Baptist preaching within their bounds, the Board agreed to appropriate three hundred dollars, out of funds that may come into their treasury the ensuing year, to aid them in the support of two or more missionaries, to labor within their bounds.

The requests from the Liberty and Brier Creek Associations, for the appointment of missionaries recommended by them, and to pay one-half of their salaries, was reluctantly declined, on account of the want of means to give them the required aid.

The request from the Pittsburgh Baptist church, for aid in supporting their pastor, was received, and laid over until the next meeting.

On motion, the Treasurer was directed to settle with the missionaries, and also the expense of our beneficiaries.

The Board then adjourned to meet in Milton.

JAMES McDANIEL, *President*.

N. J. PALMER, *Recording Secretary*.

MILTON, N. C., October 30th, 1850.

The Board of Managers of the Convention, met at the office of the Recording Secretary. Present—Elder J. J. James, Vice-President, Archibald McDowell, John H. Lacy, A. G. Stevens and N. J. Palmer.

Elder James took the chair, and called the Board to order.

A letter from the Pittsburgh Baptist Church, was read, asking an appropriation of fifty dollars by the Board, to aid them in supporting their pastor. On motion, the Board declined the request for the want of funds.

On motion, Elder S. P. Smith was appointed a missionary for the Brier Creek Association the ensuing year, relying upon his field of labor for support.

On motion, brother W. N. Heriford is appointed a missionary to labor within the bounds of the Liberty Association, for the ensuing year, relying upon his field of labor for his support.

In reference to the application in behalf of brother Algood, of the Yadin Association, for aid in obtaining an education, the Corresponding Secretary was directed to inform him, that the practice of the Board is to aid those only who take a regular course of instruction at Wake Forest College.

A letter was received from Elder Wade Hill and others, requesting the appointment of a missionary to labor on the west side of the Catawba river, in this State. On motion, the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to inform them, that while the Board have every disposition to comply with their request, in consequence of the low state of the funds of the Convention, they cannot at present assume increased responsibilities, but that as soon as they have it in their power, they will send them a missionary.

On motion, the Corresponding Secretary was directed on behalf of the Board, to prepare and transmit for publication in the Biblical Recorder, and other Baptist papers published in the State, a Circular, directed to the churches and friends of the Convention, in the bounds of each Association where we have appointed missionaries, urging them to provide a fund for the payment of the missionary appointed to travel amongst them, and preach to the destitute places within their bounds.

On motion, the Board then adjourned to meet in Milton, on Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in November. Prayer by Elder A. McDowell.

J. J. JAMES, *Vice-President*.

N. J. PALMER, *Recording Secretary*.

MILTON, November 22nd, 1850.

The Board of Managers of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, held their first quarterly meeting for the present Conventional year, at the office of the Recording Secretary. Present—Elders A. McDowell, John

H. Lacy; and brethren N. J. Palmer, A. G. Stevens and Richard Newbill.

On motion, Elder Archibald McDowell was appointed Chairman of the Board for the present year.

The proceedings of the present meeting were opened with prayer by Elder John H. Lacy.

A letter was received and read from Elder John Robertson, in relation to his late field of labor; and also recommending the appointment of brother Heriford, to preach in Germanton, and Elder J. S. Lee, of Virginia, to preach at Wentworth.

On motion, brother Heriford was requested to include Germanton in his field of labor, so as to preach there statedly once a month or oftener.

On motion, Elder J. S. Lee was appointed to preach statedly once a month or oftener, at Wentworth, in Rockingham county, the Board agreeing to appropriate twenty-five dollars towards the payment of his salary.

On motion, Elder John Robertson was appointed a missionary of the Board, to labor in the counties of Rockingham, Stokes, Forsyth and Guilford, relying upon his field of labor for support.

On motion, Elder John H. Lacy was appointed a missionary of the Board to preach statedly once a month or oftener, in the town of Greensborough, N. C., the Board agreeing to appropriate fifty dollars towards his support.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to issue an order in favor of the Treasurer of the Baptist church in Raleigh, for one hundred dollars, the amount appropriated at a former meeting of the Board, to aid them in the support of their pastor.

The Board agreed to hold its next quarterly meeting in Milton, on Saturday before the third Sabbath in February next.

The Board then adjourned, after prayer by brother A. G. Stevens.

ARCHIBALD McDOWELL, *Chairman*.

NATHANIEL J. PALMER, *Recording Secretary*.

## CIRCULAR OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF THE BOARD.

*To the Churches in the bounds of each Association in which the Board of the Convention have appointed a Missionary.*

DEAR BRETHREN:—We have just commenced a new conventional year. The past is in eternity, and all its transactions are recorded in the book of remembrance before the throne of God. If we deal truly with ourselves it becomes us to ask whether we have done all our duty and whether we would be willing now, to go into the presence of Him who hath redeemed us, and be judged according to the deeds that have been done. We fear that many, whose soul has been taking its ease, would not be willing to undergo the scrutiny of that trying day. But beloved brethren the year that closes our earthly career swiftly comes. Permit us then to say something in reference to what is to be accomplished.

The object before us is to send the gospel to every village and cottage in North Carolina. Its announcement cannot fail to arrest the attention of all who are interested in the cause of Christ. There are very many persons who have never heard a sermon, and a much larger number have never heard a Baptist preach in all their

life. Where ever our ministers have traveled and preached, great interest has been manifested in the words spoken. There is great desire for Baptist preaching, and there are a number of sections of the State where a few have been awakened and are calling for help in accents far more thrilling than would come from the drowning man. The cry is, send us a missionary, and this cry comes up from the sea coast, over sandy plains, along the valley of the Catawba, till its melancholy echo is lost among the mountains and sweet valleys of the west. Yet 'tis not lost, but is still vibrating, and its tender notes move the heart of the Christian to acts of love.

And when calls come, the Board have the painful duty to perform of telling that the appointment can't be made, for the treasury is *without funds*. And your Corresponding Secretary must rehearse the sad story, *treasury without funds*. "Tell it not in Gath, preach it not in the streets of Askelon, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised rejoice." Brethren ought this so to be? Should the treasury of the Lord be pennyless? Shall the faithful missionary be left to the cold charity of the world? Surely not, surely the same spirit that was in Christ, is in his people; it must be there, else, we are none of his. Though he was rich, yet for our sake he became poor. We repeat it then, this spirit is still in God's people and needs to be drawn out. In conclusion, brethren, we want money, not for ourselves, but for your missionaries. In olden time God used to command the ravens to carry flesh to his Prophet. He would visit another and cause that the cruse of oil and handful of meal should last through the time of distress, and thus, miraculously preserve life; but now the case is different. The gospel must be preached, and men must be sent to proclaim its glad tidings to the perishing thousands of North Carolina, or they will perish, and we feel that we have not done all in our power to give them the word of life. Permit us, then, to urge each church to take prompt and effective action in this matter of vital importance to the success of the cause of truth. Each church can decide what plan is best for carrying out the proposition, and thus relieve the Board of the cruel necessity which *compels* the rejection of requests for missionary appointments, not having the right to appropriate funds which are not under their control. By the love of Christ, and our gathering unto him, we do earnestly entreat that this subject may have a prayerful consideration by all who love the Lord Jesus in sincerity.

By request of the Board.

JOHN H. LACY, Cor. Sec.

## NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST BIBLE SOCIETY.

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This Society held its Anniversary meeting in the Baptist church in Louisburg, on Friday, the 18th of October, 1850, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The President of the Society, Rev. J. J. James, took the chair and called the meeting to order, and its exercises were opened by reading a portion of the sacred scriptures, singing an appropriate hymn, and prayer by the Rev. Samuel Wait, D. D.

In the absence of the Secretary, Nathaniel J. Palmer, Esq'r, of Milton, was appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

The Constitution of the Society was read by the Secretary.

The Annual Report of the Board of Managers was presented and read by Elder R. J. Devin, Corresponding Secretary. Its acceptance was moved by Rev. A. M. Poindexter, of Virginia, when N. J. Palmer, Esq'r, offered the following resolution, in connection with the report:—

*Resolved*, That the extended circulation of the Sacred Scriptures will effectually open the way for the success of the gospel of Christ.

Elder Poindexter then addressed the Society in support of the report and resolution, in a very forcible and effective speech.

The Society was also addressed by Elder Thomas W. Tobey, pastor of the Baptist church in Raleigh, and late missionary to China, who offered the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That this Society make energetic effort to aid our brethren in China to give the Bible to the perishing heathen.

Elder Tobey also addressed the Society in support of his resolution, and stated a number of interesting facts in relation to the necessity of the circulation of a correct translation of the sacred scriptures among the destitute in China.

The Society was also addressed by the Rev. L. C. Hinton, pastor of the Baptist church in Smithfield, N. C., the Rev. William H. Jordan, of Warrenton, and Rev. J. S. Reynoldson, of Petersburg, Va.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Elder William H. Jordan proposed to be one of twenty to contribute five dollars to aid in the expense of a correct translation of the scriptures for circulation in China, and Elder A. M. Poindexter to unite with twenty others to give two dollars each to the same object. A number seconded these propositions.

On motion of Elder Tobey, Elders J. B. White and W. C. Patterson were appointed a committee to have the subscription as proposed, in behalf of the China Mission, made up.

The Treasurer's report was then presented by the Rev. R. J. Devin, read and accepted.

Rev. G. W. Purify, J. P. Montague, and Professor W. T. Brooks, were appointed a committee to nominate officers and a Board of Managers, who reported the following:—

REV. JOSHUA J. JAMES, of Caswell, President.

REV. WILLIAM H. JORDAN and HAMILTON HESTER, Esq., V. Presidents.

REV. R. J. DEVIN, of Oxford, N. C.; Cor. Sec'y and Treasurer.

FRANKLIN B. HESTER, Recording Secretary.

JOSEPH HOBGOOD, of Oxford, Depository Agent.

REV. J. P. MONTAGUE, of Greenville, Agent and Colporteur.

*Board of Managers, located at Oxford, N. C.*—Williamson Parham, James B. Hobgood, William Jones, Samuel Wait, Nathaniel Canady, Samuel Canady, A. C. Parham, Bennett Hester, Elijah Hester, John Kerr, N. J. Palmer, Joseph Gooch, T. T. Grandy, Geo. W. Jones, Joseph Howard, R. N. Herrdon, John Sherman and A. D. Blackwood; with the officers of the Society.

All of whom were unanimously appointed.

On motion, the Rev. Thomas W. Tobey, of Raleigh, was appointed to deliver the next Annual Address before the Society,—the Rev. L. C. Hinton, of Wake, his alternate.

On motion, the sum of ten dollars was appropriated towards the payment for printing of the last minutes of the Convention.

On motion, the remaining business of the Society was committed to the Board of Managers.

The Society then adjourned, after prayer, and benediction by the President.

J. J. JAMES, *Pres't.*

N. J. PALMER, *Sec'y pro tem.*

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## REPORT OF THE BOARD.

The Board of Managers, to whom the North Carolina Baptist Bible Society have committed the control of their affairs for the year now closed, would most respectfully submit their annual report.

It is with emotions of gratitude and thankfulness to the Giver of all good, for preserving our lives through another year, and crowning our efforts to do good with his favor and blessings, the Board would briefly present the result of their labors for the past year.

Although it cannot be said of us we have done what we *could*, yet some *little* has been done to multiply and diffuse the means of God's appointment for the salvation of men.

At the meeting of the Board held immediately after the adjournment of the Convention, brother James P. Montague was appointed in connection with the Publication Society, Colporteur and Agent, to sell and distribute Bibles, religious books, &c., at \$20 per month. Brother R. Jacks was also requested to act as distributing Agent in his field of labor as missionary of the Liberty Association. Brother Montague accepted the appointment, and entered immediately upon the duties of his agency—only a portion of his time, however, has been devoted to the Bible cause. In his report of October 20, he says: "During the time I have

devoted to the Bible Society, I have given to destitute families 97 Bibles, and to individuals 4—in all 101, and 32 Testaments. Sold \$136 30 worth of Bibles and Testaments; collected for the Bible Society \$8 35.” From brother Jack’s report of April the 19th, we learn that he had sold 15 Bibles and 35 Testaments, amounting to \$24 30. Besides, other brethren have acted as Bible distributors, to a limited extent; but in the absence of information in regard to their operations, we are unable to report the whole amount that has been done to supply the destitute with the word of life.

Since the last annual meeting of the Society, the Treasurer has paid off a debt of \$100, which was then owing to the A. and F. B. Society, for Bibles and Testaments purchased a short time previous. And in relation to an old account which they brought against this Society, we are happy to state, it has been satisfactorily settled. During the year, Bibles and Testaments have been ordered and received to the amount of \$171 29, for which the Society is now in debt. There is a balance in the treasury of \$101 22—Bibles on hand estimated at \$100.

In reviewing the labors of the past year, we find much cause to stimulate to renewed efforts to aid and assist in the great and glorious work of giving the word of God to the poor and destitute, who are perishing without the knowledge of God. Fearful are our responsibilities. Have we discharged our whole duty in this respect? We have been in the possession of the Bible, that “inestimable gift of God to man.” We have learned its priceless value, and the inconceivable blessings which accrue to fallen man from its knowledge. It is God’s appointed means for illuminating and saving the world—the only book that reveals the way of salvation. It opens the door of hope for immortality and eternal life beyond the tomb. While at the same time, we know that there are millions in heathen lands, as well as thousands in our own country, who are destitute of this invaluable treasure, and entirely ignorant of its infinite value, perishing without the knowledge of Christ and his great salvation. With such thoughts and considerations before us, ought we not to feel that the Bible cause should be among the first and highest objects in our affections, and among the subjects of our prayers and contributions? It is a solemn and imperative duty resting upon every follower of Jesus Christ, to put forth zealous efforts to promote the glory of God and save sinners. Our time, talents, and all we possess, belong to God, and should be consecrated to his service. Christians are called upon to engage in every good work that has a tendency to bring about that thrice happy day, when the world shall be encircled in millennial glory, when holiness to the Lord shall shine forth as the morning, and the beauties of primeval creation again bloom in the world, and the sweet songs of Paradise shall resound from hill to valley, and all flesh see the salvation of God. Among the operations of the present day that have done much good for the cause of Christ, and promises to be a most powerful auxiliary in promoting the final triumph of the gospel, the Bible Society stands among the first.

In conclusion, we surrender to you the valuable interests of the Society, trusting that under the superior superintendence of Him who controls all things, the ensuing year will be crowned with glorious results.

R. J. DEVIN, *Cor. Sec.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of the North Carolina Baptist Bible Society begs to report the following:—

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| Balance in hand October 24th, 1849,                                                    | \$22 20                |
| To amount from Flat River Association Bible Society,                                   | 12 25                  |
| To do. do. Raleigh do. do. do.,                                                        | 30 60                  |
| Brother R. Jacks, agent,                                                               | 24 00                  |
| Brother J. P. Montague, agent,                                                         | 50 00                  |
| For sale of Bibles,                                                                    | 13 67                  |
|                                                                                        | <hr/> \$ 152 72        |
| By amount of draft forwarded to the Am. and For. Bible Society,<br>per brother Palmer. | 50 00                  |
| Premium on draft,                                                                      | 50                     |
| Freight, postage, &c.,                                                                 | 1 00                   |
|                                                                                        | <hr/> 51 50            |
| Leaving balance of                                                                     | <hr/> <u>\$ 101 22</u> |

## CONSTITUTION

OF THE

## NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST BIBLE SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This Institution shall be denominated “ *The North Carolina Baptist Bible Society.*”

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be, to promote a wider circulation of the scriptures, in the most faithful versions that can be procured.

ART. 3. The members of this Institution shall consist of such persons as shall contribute annually to its funds.

ART. 4. By contributing the sum of ten dollars at one time, any one may become a life member, and by the contribution of twenty-five dollars, a life member of the Board of Managers.

ART. 5. The officers shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding and a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, to whom shall be added a Board of Managers,—all of whom shall be elected annually.

ART. 6. It shall be incumbent on the officers to perform the services appropriately belonging to their respective stations.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers, five of whom shall form a quorum, to transact all business demanding attention during the intervals of the Society's meetings.

ART. 8. The annual meeting of this Society shall be held at the same place, and on the same week, with the annual meetings of the Convention of this State.

ART. 9. The foregoing Constitution shall be subject to amendment by a vote of two-thirds, whenever expediency shall require it.

## NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST PUBLICATION AND SUN. SCHOOL SOCIETY.

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LOUISBURG, N. C., October 19th, 1850.

This Society held its fourth Anniversary meeting, in the Baptist church, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

In consequence of the death of the Rev. J. J. Finch, who had been the President of the Society since its organization, the chair was taken by Nathaniel J. Palmer, Esq'r, of Milton, first Vice President, who called the meeting to order.

In the absence of J. F. Jordan, Esq'r, the Recording Secretary, Elder John H. Lacy, of Milton, was appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

The proceedings of the meeting were opened, after reading a portion of the sacred scriptures and prayer by Elder A. M. Poindexter, of Virginia, Corresponding Secretary of the Southern Baptist Publication Society.

On motion, the Constitution of this Society was so amended as to make it auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Publication Society, located at Charleston, S. C.

On motion, a committee consisting of Elders N. A. Purify, L. C. Hinton and brother J. P. Montague, were appointed to receive the names of members and contributions to the Society.

The report of the Treasurer was called for, presented and read, and, on motion, referred to the new Board for examination and publication.

On motion, the sum of ten dollars was appropriated towards the printing of the minutes of the last Convention.

The Agent of the Society, Elder J. P. Montague, being called on, gave an interesting and satisfactory report of the result of his labors.

On motion, the Board of Managers were requested to correspond with the various Publication and Sunday School Societies auxiliary to this body, and ascertain the state and success of their operations.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:—

*Resolved*, That this Society deem it of the utmost importance that the Baptist denomination throughout the State unite their efforts in behalf of this Society, and in co-operating effectually with the Southern Baptist Publication Society.

Rev. J. M. C. Breaker, of Newbern, was appointed to deliver the next Anniversary Sermon or Address before the Society,—Elder Aaron Jones, of Edenton, his alternate.

Elders L. C. Hinton, J. B. Solomon and J. P. Montague, were appointed a committee to nominate officers and a Board of Managers for the ensuing year, who reported the following:—

NATHANIEL J. PALMER, Esq'r, of Milton, President.

Elder THOMAS W. TOBEY, of Raleigh, and Elder J. M. C. BREAKER, of Newbern, Vice Presidents.

J. J. BIGGS, Esq'r, of Raleigh, Corresponding Secretary.

J. F. JORDAN, Esq'r, of Raleigh, Recording Secretary.

P. F. PESCU, Treasurer and Depository Agent.

*Board of Managers, located in Raleigh, N. C.*—Maj. W. W. Vass, Elder L. C. Hinton, Elder P. W. Dowd, Elder Thos. Meredith, Elder Jas. C. Marcom, Prof. W. T. Brooks, Elder J. B. White, Elder James Jackson, Elder J. J. James, Elder W. T. Walters, Adolphus Jones, M. B. Royster, Daniel Du Pre, sen'r, A. M. Rocwell, B. W. Justice and Peyton Williams; with the officers of the Society.

The report was unanimously concurred in, and the officers, &c. appointed.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That Rev. J. P. Montague, of Greenville county, be and he is hereby, appointed Agent and Colporteur of this Society, jointly with the North Carolina Baptist Bible Society, on the same terms as the past year, and that he obtain the requisite books and tracts from the Depository of the Southern Baptist Publication Society at Charleston, S. C.,—the Society being responsible for his salary.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That this Society have to deplore the loss which they have sustained since their last annual meeting, by the death of the Rev. J. J. FINCH, its late President, who has presided over its interests from its organization, and always manifested a commendable zeal in its behalf, and that they sincerely sympathize with his bereaved family and the church in this dispensation of Divine providence.

The Society, during its meeting, was addressed by Elder A. M. Poindexter and others, on different subjects connected with its interests. Owing to a large temperance meeting being held at the same hour as that designated for the meeting of the Society, to be addressed by Mr. White, of Philadelphia, but a small number were in attendance; consequently, the Annual Address was not delivered by Elder L. C. Hinton, according to appointment.

The remaining business of the Society was committed to its Board of Managers.

The Society adjourned, after prayer by Eld. Wm. H. Jordan, of Warrenton.  
NATHANIEL J. PALMER, *Pres't*.

JNO. H. LACY, *Sec'y pro tem*.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

P. FRANCISCO PESCU, D.

*In acc't with N. C. BAP. PUB. AND S. S. SOCIETY.*

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| 1849              |                                                                 |                  |                  |
| Oct'r 1—          | To books on hand,                                               | \$ 56 67         |                  |
|                   | To do. returned by sundries,                                    | 5 50             |                  |
|                   | To cash received at Convention,                                 | 16 80            |                  |
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| 1850              |                                                                 |                  |                  |
| Jan.              | —By books deliv'd at sundry times to J. P. Montague,            |                  | 62 17            |
| Mar. 14—          | To cash rec'd of J. P. Montague at sundry times,                | 95 00            |                  |
| May 10—           | To do. of same,                                                 | 100 00           |                  |
| June 10—          | To do. of William Yates for books,                              | 10 00            |                  |
| July 31—          | To do. of J. P. Montague,                                       | 50 00            |                  |
| Aug. 10—          | By cash paid freight and postage,                               |                  | 8 30             |
|                   | By do. B. R. Loxley, in full of old and new<br>account to date, |                  | 238 41           |
|                   | By cash in hand, Oct'r 16, 1850,                                |                  | 42 84            |
| E. and O. E.      |                                                                 | <u>\$ 351 72</u> | <u>\$ 351 72</u> |
| 1850 NEW ACCOUNT. |                                                                 |                  |                  |
| Oct'r 16—         | To cash on hand,                                                | 42 84            |                  |
|                   | To books on hand,                                               | 10 00            |                  |
|                   | To do. in hands of J. P. Montague, agent,                       | 25 00            |                  |
|                   | To cash do. of do. do. do.,                                     | 111 25           |                  |
|                   | To amount of bill due B. R. Loxley for books,                   |                  | 119 02           |
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## FORM OF AN AUXILIARY

TO THE N. C. BAPTIST PUBLICATION AND S. SCHOOL SOCIETY.

ART. 1. This Society shall be called the Publication and Sunday School Society of \_\_\_\_\_ church or town, the object of which shall be the encouragement of the circulation of religious books and tracts, and the establishment of one or more Sabbath schools and libraries.

ART. 2. This Society shall be auxiliary to the North Carolina Baptist Publication and Sunday School Society, and its officers shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Librarian, with a Board of nine Managers, who shall be elected annually.

ART. 3. The President, or in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at its meetings. The Secretary shall record its proceedings; the Treasurer receive, keep, and disburse its funds, according to the order of the Society; and the Librarian shall have charge of the Library.

ART. 4. The funds of the Society shall be paid over to the Agent or Treasurer of the parent State Society, one half to be returned in books at cost prices, and the other half devoted to the aid of destitute Sabbath schools and neighborhoods.

ART. 5. The Society shall meet annually, or oftener, at the call of one or more of its presiding officers. At the annual meetings, some one shall be selected to address the Society, or preach a sermon before it.

ART. 6. Any person may become a member of the Society by contributing annually to its funds, or a life member, by the contribution at one time, of the sum of ten dollars.

## FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

"I do hereby give and bequeath to the Trustees of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, and their successors in office, for the objects of that Convention, the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, to be paid by my executor within two years after my decease."

If the donor desires it specially to be given to the cause of Foreign Missions, Home Missions, or Education, Publication or Sunday School Society, or North Carolina Baptist Bible Society, he or she can state it in the bequest.

N. J. PALMER, *Sec'y.*

## FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE WAKE FOREST COLLEGE.

"I do hereby give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Wake Forest College, incorporated by an act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, and their successors in office, the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, for the use and benefit of the said Institution, to be paid by my executor within two years after my decease."

# CONSTITUTION

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### N. C. BAPTIST PUBLICATION AND S. S. SOCIETY.

ART. 1. This Society shall be called the North Carolina Baptist Sunday School and Publication Society, and shall be auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Publication Society.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be the promotion of the general interests of Sunday Schools and Tract distribution in North Carolina, by the organization and encouragement of new schools, by the circulation of suitable books and periodicals, by awakening the energies of the denomination, and by the prosecution of such other measures as may be deemed expedient.

ART. 3. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, a Treasurer, a Depository Agent, and fifteen other persons, who together, shall constitute a Board of Managers for the transaction of the necessary business of this Society, who shall be elected annually, and five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 4. Any person may become a member of this Society, by the payment of one dollar per annum, a Life Member by the payment of ten dollars, a Life Director by the payment of twenty-five dollars, and each church shall be entitled to one delegate for every five dollars.

ART. 5. Any Sunday school, or Sunday School Tract Society, may become auxiliary to this Society, by forwarding to the Corresponding Secretary an annual report of its condition, and may send two delegates to the annual meeting of the Society.

ART. 6. There shall be an annual meeting of the Society, at such time and place as the Board of Managers may determine on, at which time they shall report their proceedings during the year, the officers shall be chosen, and such other measures adopted, as shall promote the interest of this Society.

ART. 7. This Constitution may be altered at any annual meeting of the Society, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

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WHAT is true of a penny, is true of a pound, or of a thousand pounds. "A stitch in time, saves nine," is a proverb no truer in its application to household economy than to moral and political economy. Whatever the ignorance, crime, and corrupt example of a vicious man costs the community, that sum is saved by training him to knowledge and virtue. We do not forget that men, on whose training much pains and expense have been bestowed, sometimes pervert their attainments to bad ends; but as a general thing, seasonable and faithful moral culture results in the formation of a virtuous and commendable character.

Now, the American Sunday-school Union asks to be intrusted with FIFTY THOUSAND dollars at once, which they propose to expend in the distribution of Missionary labour, and the formation of Sunday schools, where other means of moral culture are not enjoyed. They have well considered the largeness of the amount—(nearly one-eighth of the cost of a full-sized ocean steamer, that a water spout or a flash of lightning might bury in the deep sea)—and

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they have well considered the various other claims made upon Christian charity, and they have pared down the estimate of what is absolutely and urgently needed this very day, to supply definite specific destitutions, and they cannot reduce it below *fifty thousand dollars*.

A gentleman who has lately traversed the largest portion of the country where the appropriations are to be made, and who has had personal interviews with intelligent and judicious men residing on the spot, has been fully consulted as to the proper distribution of such a sum.

Supposing we could secure no more for the present season than the above sum of \$50,000, it would be in accordance with his views, as well as upon a survey of the pile of applications for Sunday-school labour on their table, that the Board of Managers would expend the same in the following proportions:—

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|-------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|
| Louisiana.....    | \$2,000 | Kentucky .....         | \$2,000 |
| Mississippi ..... | 2,000   | Tennessee .....        | 2,000   |
| Illinois .....    | 3,000   | Alabama .....          | 2,500   |
| Wisconsin .....   | 2,400   | Georgia .....          | 2,500   |
| Minesota .....    | 200     | Florida.....           | 1,500   |
| Nebraska.....     | 200     | Indiana .....          | 2,000   |
| Oregon .....      | 900     | Ohio .....             | 2,000   |
| New Mexico .....  | 900     | Michigan .....         | 1,500   |
| Utah .....        | 900     | W. Va. & Pa. ....      | 2,500   |
| California.....   | 2,000   | N. & S. Car., & E. Va. | 2,500   |
| Texas .....       | 2,000   | Maryland, Del., Pa.    | 2,500   |
| Arkansas .....    | 2,000   | N. & S. W. N. York     | 2,500   |
| Missouri .....    | 2,000   | Maine .....            | 1,250   |
| Iowa .....        | 1,500   | N. H. & Vt., with      |         |
|                   |         | contiguous Canada      | 1,250   |

Now let any intelligent Christian man, familiar with Sunday-school work, and residing in these States respectively, tell us whether in any instance we have exceeded a very moderate estimate of the measure of attention which his State needs and must have, and will surely repay? It will be apparent, that in order to do this important work at all, it must be done on some such scale as we have here suggested. What would \$100 or \$200 do towards supplying suitable missionary service for one year, in Arkansas, Indiana, or Wisconsin? It would pay but a small part of the just wages and expenses of one man,—and how small a portion of these wide regions could one man explore in a year?

It is far cheaper to do thoroughly what we attempt to do at all. Then the work tells at once. This is the way they do in other sorts of internal improvement. We do not hear of hundreds of miles of railroad being made in detached portions,—a mile here, and two miles there, and ten miles farther on, with no provision for the intervening space. The way is, to have a portion of it completed and in working order as soon as possible, in order that the magnitude of the improvement may be more fully realized, and that the finished portion may be used in prosecuting the work, so that something may be earned, and thus the courage of the stockholders kept up; and, if needful, the way be prepared for a new tax for the

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completion of the enterprise. We want money enough towards our great moral improvement to finish a section or two, as a sample of the whole work, and as an incentive to further effort in the same direction.

We have shown, year after year, that nothing has ever been lost in this scheme of improvement, so far as we have gone. Every inch of ground we have taken up has been well improved. But our means are so stinted and so uncertain, that every step is taken to disadvantage, and, instead of having a considerable section of our railway finished and fit to use for pushing the work still farther on, we are obliged to content ourselves with a rod or two here, and another there, and a long interval between, which is neither laid, nor graded, nor even surveyed!

We can show, in the moral income of our work, results fully equal to all that was ever promised by the managers, or expected by those who embarked in the undertaking. We have had no defaulters, no disasters, no fatal collisions. What we have done, stands secure, and is constantly increasing in value and importance. Give us generous aid and sympathy, and the work will go bravely on, and time will show a full pound for every penny invested.

What we can do *now* with comparative ease, we may find it difficult, if not impracticable, to do a short time hence.



